



MEMORANDUM


Amended
Special Item No. 3

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey Shuler, Ed. D. and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 20, 2004

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving a Special Election for the *Building Better Communities* Bond Program – To Construct and Improve Bridges, Public Infrastructure and Neighborhood Improvements



R#914-04

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution authorizing the placement of the *Building Better Communities* General Obligation Bond Program (Program) ballot question authorizing funding for projects to construct and improve bridges, public infrastructure and neighborhood improvements on the November 2, 2004, ballot. If approved by the Board and the voters, the referendum will allow the County to construct and improve bridges, bikeways, sidewalks and other neighborhood improvements including those providing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility, as well as provide for an Economic Development Fund (see Appendix A). This resolution will allow the County to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$352.182 million over a multi-year period to fund improvements to the County's infrastructure and address a number of quality of life issues in our community. Legislation establishing the administration of the Economic Development Capital Improvement Fund, creating interlocal agreements with the municipalities and establishing a Program Advisory Committee will be forwarded to the Board upon approval of the program by the electorate. Individual debt issuances will also be subsequently forwarded for Board approval.

BACKGROUND

The recommended Program will provide the County with the capability of responding to the community's longstanding unfunded capital infrastructure needs in a comprehensive manner. The attached recommended list of projects provides a multi-faceted approach which addresses the need for facilities and infrastructure as well as economic development concerns. Since our Community Small Business Enterprise and Community Workforce regulations will apply to the *Building Better Communities* projects, it is anticipated that the Program will contribute to our economy by generating a large number of jobs as well as many new and meaningful business development and training opportunities in our local community.

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A comprehensive report detailing our efforts to assemble a balanced *Building Better Communities* Program is presented under separate cover. The attached resolution and corresponding project recommendations further refine the proposed Program by incorporating the Board's input from the June 24, 2004 General Obligation Bond Workshop as well as subsequent individual follow-up meetings with Board members.

We have a unique opportunity to move forward with this Program at this time. Existing debt from the Decade of Progress Bond Program, the Criminal Justice Bond Program and the Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Program is being retired allowing capacity for future bond issuances while maintaining a flat millage rate for debt service. Finally, placement of the ballot question on an already scheduled General Election allows us to avoid incurring the considerable costs that would be associated with a separate election.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Board approve the attached resolution and allow the electorate to vote on critical capital improvement issues impacting the future of Miami-Dade County.


Assistant County Manager

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. 914-04

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR HOLDING OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION BOND SPECIAL ELECTION IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004 WITH
RESPECT TO AUTHORIZATION OF NOT EXCEEDING
\$352,182,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF SAID
COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT AND IMPROVE BRIDGES,
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, AND NEIGHBORHOOD
IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "Board") finds it necessary and appropriate and in the best interest of the County to hold a special election to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds") of Miami-Dade County in an amount not to exceed \$352,182,000, as needed, in series from time to time, which Bonds will be secured by the full faith and credit of the County; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from such Bonds will be used for various, unfunded capital projects that have been identified and delineated in Appendix A, attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, issuing such Bonds will stimulate the County economy and provide employment; and

WHEREAS, upon approval by the electors of the County to issue the Bonds, the Board will enact Bond ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Bonds so approved; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends, to the extent possible, that the debt service millage required to pay the debt service on the Bonds shall not exceed the current debt service millage in any year while the Bonds are outstanding and the total principal amount of the Bonds has been fixed with that intention in mind,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. The preamble to this Resolution and the County Manager's memorandum accompanying this Resolution are approved and incorporated by reference in this Resolution.

Section 2. A General Obligation Bond Special Election shall be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the County the questions stated in the Notice of General Obligation Bond Special Election set forth below in Section 3 of this Resolution.

Section 3. Notice of said General Obligation Bond Special Election shall be published in The Miami Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in Miami-Dade County, Florida, at least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week in which the election is to be held, the date of first publication in said newspaper to be at least thirty days before said election, which notice shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SPECIAL ELECTION
BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES
To be Held On
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A General Obligation Bond Special Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the following question:

**BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES
CONSTRUCT AND IMPROVE BRIDGES, PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE, AND NEIGHBORHOOD
IMPROVEMENTS**

To construct and improve walkways, bikeways, bridges and access to the Seaport, and other municipal and neighborhood infrastructure improvements to enhance quality of life, described in Resolution No. 914-04, adopted July 20, 2004, shall Miami-Dade County issue General Obligation Bonds to pay cost of such projects in a principal amount not exceeding \$352,182,000, bearing interest not exceeding maximum legal rate, payable from ad valorem taxes?

_____ FOR BONDS

_____ AGAINST BONDS

The polls at said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. until 7:00 P.M. of the same day. All qualified electors of the County shall be entitled to vote at said special election.

Said General Obligation Bond Special Election will be held at the established polling places in the several precincts, respectively, in the County as established for County-wide general elections.

Miami-Dade County shall be authorized to issue the bonds covered by the question hereinabove set forth if such issuance as to such question shall have been approved by vote of a majority of the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County voting thereon.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of
Miami-Dade County, Florida

Section 4. Touch Screen Voting Machines shall be used at such special election, and the ballot question shall appear in substantially the form set forth in the Notice of General Obligation Bond Special Election in Section 3 of this Resolution.

Section 5. The question shall appear on the touch screens ballot as a separate question. Those qualified electors desiring to approve the issuance of bonds shall be instructed to vote "FOR BONDS". Those qualified electors desiring to disapprove the issuance of bonds shall be instructed to vote "AGAINST BONDS".

Section 6. Absentee paper ballots may be used by qualified electors of the County for voting on the question at said election. The form of such absentee ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the general election laws, and shall have printed thereon the question hereinabove set forth, with proper place for voting either "FOR BONDS" or "AGAINST BONDS" following the statement of the question aforesaid.

Section 7. A sample ballot showing the manner in which the question aforesaid shall appear on the touch screen ballot at this special election shall be published and provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of the general election laws.

Section 8. This special election on the question aforesaid shall be held and conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the general laws relating to special elections and the provisions of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter. The County Manager, the Finance Director, the Supervisor of Elections and the Clerk of the County Commission are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this Resolution. This special election shall be a nonpartisan election. Inspectors and clerks to serve as election officials in connection with this special election shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the general election laws.

Section 9. This special election shall be canvassed by the County Canvassing Board as provided under the election laws of this State, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Home Rule Charter.

Section 10. All proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be delivered to the Finance Director of the County who shall deposit those proceeds in appropriate construction fund trust accounts, not to be commingled with other funds of the County, to be disbursed solely for the purposes set forth in this Resolution. The County, itself or through independent auditors, shall have the right at all times to audit the books and records of all beneficiaries who receive proceeds from the sale of the Bonds.

Some projects listed in Appendix A of this Resolution may be the subject of contractual agreements between the County and the external agencies receiving the Bond proceeds to pay the cost of such projects. Such agreements shall provide the terms and conditions for the County to release Bond proceeds to the agency and such other requirements as the County shall deem appropriate. In the event that an agency fails, without adequate reason, to commence acquisition, planning, design or construction of a project within six (6) months of the receipt of County approval to proceed with such project, the County shall have the option of reallocating the Bond proceeds earmarked for such project to any other projects listed in Appendix A falling within the same ballot category.

All additions, deletions and significant modifications to individual projects or to Appendix A shall require a majority vote of the Board after public hearing.

Section 11. Bond proceeds in an amount not to exceed 3% of the principal amount of the Bonds shall be used to pay administrative expenses associated with managing the Bond program. The Finance Director will deposit these funds in a separate Bond Administrative Expense Fund.

Section 12. The Bonds are part of an overall Bond Program pursuant to which the County is proposing to issue up to \$2,925,750,000 in General Obligation Bonds ("Bond Program")

upon voter approval. The intent of the County is to include a combined municipal and UMSA component ("Municipal Component") in the Bond Program totaling 10% of the Bond proceeds, net of issuance costs. The formula used for distribution of proceeds is based on a weighted formula 75% on population and 25% on contribution to the tax roll (based on June 1, 2004 figures) as compared to the total population and property tax roll figures for the entire County. The data for this distribution was based upon most recent Census figures as provided by the Miami-Dade County Planning Department and tax roll figures as provided by the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser. Should a municipality incorporate after passage of this Bond program, it may petition the Board for a portion of any unallocated Bond proceeds that had been apportioned to local projects in the UMSA area then contained in such municipality. Not all of the individual components of the Bond Program will include a Municipal Component but in the aggregate, the overall Bond Program will include a Municipal Component that equals 10% of the Bond Program.

It is the intent of the County that the balance of the bond proceeds from the Bond Program net of cost of issuance (90%) shall be used for projects of countywide and/or regional significance.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson

Bruno A. Barreiro
Betty T. Ferguson
Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jimmy L. Morales
Dorrian D. Rolle
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of July, 2004. This Resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Gerald T. Heffernan

2004 BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES BOND PROGRAM RECOMMENDED LIST OF PROJECTS

APPENDIX A

CONSTRUCT AND IMPROVE BRIDGES, PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS						
PROJECT NUMBER	MUNICIPAL PROJECT LOCATION	BCC DISTRICT	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STREET ADDRESS	ALLOCATION (000's)
124	CW	CW	Economic Development Fund	Provide infrastructure improvements to spur economic development and attract new businesses to the community in order to create jobs.	Various	\$75,000
125	Aventura	4	West Dixie Highway Bikeway	Construct and improve bikeway path.	West Dixie Hwy. between Ives Dairy Rd. & Miami Gardens Dr.	\$120
126	Miami	5	Miami River Greenway	GOB funds will compliment other funding sources to complete the Miami River Greenway.	Miami River	\$7,500
127	Coral Gables	7	Improve and Extend the Commodore Bike Trail	Improvement and extension of existing paved path from Cocoplum Circle to Edgewater Dr, Douglas Road, Main Highway, and Bayshore Dr. Includes pedestrian bridge over Coral Gables Waterway.	Cocoplum Circle, Edgewater Dr, Douglas Road, Main Highway, Bayshore Drive	\$1,000
128	UMSA	8	Old Cutler Road Bikeway	Construct and improve bikeway path.	Old Cutler Rd. from SW 184 St. to SW 220 St.	\$245
319	UMSA	10	Bikeways in District 10	Construction of a bikeways in district 10.	Various	\$700
321	UMSA	9	Redevelopment - Richmond Heights Shopping Center	Redevelopment of the Richmond Heights Shopping Center into a multi-use facility.	Lincoln Boulevard and Carver Drive	\$3,600
320	CW	CW	Economic Development in Targeted Urban Areas	Provide infrastructure improvements to spur economic development and attract new businesses to the community in order to create jobs.	Various	\$15,000
129	Miami	CW	Improve Access to the Seaport	The planning, design, permitting and construction of infrastructure to improve access to the Port of Miami.	Dodge Island	\$100,000

Note: Allocation shown in nominal value.

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130	UMSA	CW	Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk Repair	Restore structural integrity of the fishing pier and re-open the facility to the public.	4000 Rickenbacker Cswy.	\$1,500
131	CW	CW	Portable Emergency Bridges (temporary)	Refurbish existing Bailey Bridges.	Various	\$100
132	CW	CW	Sonovoid Bridge Improvement Program - 95 Bridges to be considered.	Structurally upgrade approximately 95 Sonovoid bridge decks.	Various	\$10,000
133	UMSA	CW	SW 296 Street Sonovoid Bridge over C-103 (874105) Canal	Structurally upgrade the existing Sonovoid deck over canal C-103.	SW 296 St & 160 Avenue	\$400
134	Palmetto Bay	CW	Old Cutler Road Bridge over C-100 Canal	Upgrade bridge parapet walls and replace or modify existing structure to safely convey vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic.	Old Cutler Rd. & 173 Street	\$1,800
135	Miami	CW	Miami Avenue Bridge over the Miami River	Replace entire bridge deck, replace piston trunnion and bearings; upgrade existing electrical system and refurbish bascule leafs.	Miami Avenue & SE 5 Street	\$3,200
136	Miami	CW	NW 22 Avenue Bascule Bridge over the Miami River	Evaluate structural integrity of the bridge tender house - replace or upgrade tender house structurally as needed and refurbish bascule leafs.	NW 22 Avenue & 15 Street	\$1,000
137	UMSA	CW	Palmer Lake Bridge	Replace bridge and construct lanes. Number of lanes to be determined by the Tamiami Swing Bridge preliminary engineering study.	2600 S. River Drive	\$3,000
138	Miami	CW	Tamiami Swing Bridge	Replace existing swing bridge with single leaf bascule bridge.	2000 S. River Drive	\$19,000
139	CW	CW	ADA Compliance Projects	Increase access to various County facilities for persons with disabilities by removing barriers or constructing new access.	Various	\$20,000

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318	CW	CW	Martin Luther King - Business Center	Provide infrastructure improvements to spur economic development and attract new businesses to the community in order to create jobs.	TBD	\$5,000
140	UMSA	Various - 1 & 4	New Bike Trail on Snake Creek Bridge over Interstate I-95	Construct a pedestrian bridge over Interstate I-95, SFRC and Snake Creek Canal.	I-95 at Snake Creek Canals	\$1,000
141	UMSA	Various - 10 & 11	Bike Path Improvements on Snapper Creek Trail	Miscellaneous surface and intersection improvements to Snapper Creek Trail from Tamiami park to Kendall-Indian Hammocks Park.	Along SW 117 Ave from SW 16 St to SW 107 Ave at SW 79 St	\$500
142	Miami	Various - 3 & 5	Baywalk Bike Path	Connect existing paths from Bayfront Park to Pace Park along Biscayne Bay. Includes underpasses at Port Blvd and MacArthur Causeway, and walkway at Miami Women's Club.	Along Biscayne Bay	\$1,000
143	South Miami	Various - 5 & 7	Metrorail Bike Path	Miscellaneous surface and intersection improvements to the Metrorail Path from SW 67 Ave to the Miami River.	Metrorail guideway	\$1,400
144	South Miami	Various - 6 & 7	Ludlam Bike Trail	Right-of-way acquisition and development of paved path along former Florida East Coast Railroad.	FEC railroad from Dadeland North Station to NW 12 Street	\$1,735
145	UMSA	Various - 8, 9, 11, 12	Bike Path Improvements along South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Canals	Miscellaneous surface improvements and bikeways along SFWMD canals.	Various	\$1,000
146	Opa-locka	1	Opa-locka - Curtis Drive Infrastructure Improvements	Curtis Drive Phase II Infrastructure/Neighborhood improvement, design and construction of sewer, drainage, and sidewalks along Curtis Drive from Perviz Avenue to Sultan Avenue and along Perviz Avenue from Harem Avenue to NW 151 Street.	Various	\$950
147	Indian Creek	4	Indian Creek - Bridge	GOB funds will compliment other funding to repair Indian Creek Bridge.	91 Street	\$115

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148	Golden Beach	4	Golden Beach - Bikepath	Construct a bikepath on Golden Beach Drive.	Various	\$160
149	Bay Harbor Islands	4	Bay Harbor Islands - Community Enhancement Projects	GOB funds will compliment other funding for the Town of Bay Harbour Islands improvement projects which include local stormwater treatment facilities and sidewalks.	Various	\$661
150	West Miami	6	West Miami - Citywide Sidewalks Improvements	Repair or replace local sidewalks in the City of West Miami.	Various	\$500
151	Sweetwater	12	Sweetwater - Sidewalk Repairs	GOB funds will compliment other funding for local sidewalk repair to approximately 85,000 linear feet to comply with ADA requirements in the City of Sweetwater.	Various	\$357
152	Islandia	N/A	Islandia - Did Not Submit a Request.	Islandia did not submit a request.	TBD	\$1
153	Hialeah	Various - 2, 6, 12, 13	Hialeah - Infrastructure Upgrades	GOB funding will compliment other funding for improvements to the City of Hialeah's bikeways and sidewalks.	Various	\$8,943
154	Miami Shores	Various - 3 & 4	Miami Shores - Sidewalk Replacement	GOB funds will compliment other funding for the replacement of hazardous sidewalks in Miami Shores Village.	Various	\$300
155	Miami Beach	Various - 4 & 5	Miami Beach - 41st Street Phase II Bridge Repair/Restoration	Addition of street pavers, expansion of sidewalks and artistic tile work, and structural repair to the bridge.	41 Street-Arthur Godfrey Road	\$750
156	Coral Gables	Various - 6 & 7	Coral Gables - Enhancements To Residential and Commercial Areas	Construction of sidewalks, bikeways, pedestrian lights and other amenities.	Various	\$1,364

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157	UMSA	1	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing, and guardrails in District 1.	Various	\$1,500
158	UMSA	2	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 2.	Various	\$2,300
159	UMSA	3	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 3.	Various	\$910
160	UMSA	4	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 4.	Various	\$1,250
161	UMSA	5	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 5.	Various	\$577
162	UMSA	6	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 6.	Various	\$5,223
163	UMSA	7	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 7.	Various	\$5,851
164	UMSA	8	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 8.	Various	\$5,504

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165	UMSA	9	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Provide Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 9.	Various	\$4,000
166	UMSA	10	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 10.	Various	\$12,169
167	UMSA	11	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 11.	Various	\$4,500
168	UMSA	12	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 12.	Various	\$941
169	UMSA	13	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area - Infrastructure Improvements	Various infrastructure improvements to include but not limited to; sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 13.	Various	\$500
			Bond Issuance Cost To Construct and Improve Bridges, Public Infrastructure, and Neighborhood Improvements	Estimated costs to issue bonds for bridges, public infrastructure, and neighborhood improvements.		\$18,056
					TOTAL	\$352,182

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